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Chester Pa. Aug 30 1884

Hon. Wm Windom
President of The Texas, Topolobampo & Pacific etc.
etc.
Dear Sir-

I am prepared and I offer to perfect the surveys and to construct and equip the Topolobampo - San Blas section of your railroad and telegraph inside of five (5) months dating from October 1 1884. The distance to be 35 miles measured on main track. The price to be three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000) dollars United States money.

When the contract is signed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars to be accredited at Bank, agreed upon, subject to be checked upon by me after the expenditure is approved by you as President of said Company. One hundred thousand (100,000) dollars to be accredited December 1 '84. One hundred thousand (100,000) dollars to be accredited January 1 '85; and fifty thousand (50,000) dollars when the work is completed.

The guage to be 4' 8 1/2" the road bed 18' in excavations and 14' on embankments and the work to be first class and such as to meet the requirements of the Mexican Government. The rails to be 50 lbs steel, the splices to be steel (18" long and to weigh 7 lbs. each) and the bolts, nuts and spikes to weigh with the splices not less than 5.21 tons per mile. The ties to be California ^{red wood} Pine, to measure 8' x 8" x 6" and to be placed 2 between centres. The locomotives to be English make, two in number, to weigh not less than 25 tons each and

to have a tender to weigh not less than five tons and a capacity of 3000 gallons of water. The cars to be American or English make and as follows:— 1 first class passenger, 1 second class passenger, 1 baggage, 1 mail, 5 box, 20 platform, 6 push, 1 small steam motor and 1 tricycle motor for inspecting purposes.

I further agree to furnish and complete four (4) switches and to put in four (4) side tracks with an average length of one hundred (100) yards each; to place and finish one iron water tank, with steam pump to hold not less than 6000 gallons, at a point the most convenient for a constant supply of water for the Company's locomotives; to erect a stone pier at the railroad terminus, on the Straits of Joshua, with a face not less than fifty (50) feet long and ten (10) feet above high water mark and fifty (50) feet out from the present rock shore and to place upon said pier a steam crane having a radius of 60 feet and with power to lift 40 tons; to build a store house at Harbor not to cost less than two thousand (2000) dollars; to build a hotel, passenger-freight depot at Vegaton not to cost less than six thousand (6000) dollars; to buy and place three (3) first class buoys at the entrance to Topolobampo Harbor; to build the Light House which has been accepted by the Mexican Government (see plan submitted); to supply two steam yawls not less than 30 feet long and 6 1/2 feet beam and two floating tanks with capacity not less than 3000 gallons each.

I further agree to resurvey and plant stones at the angles on the Mochis property and to establish settlers

thereon in the strict requirements of the law; to re-survey and plant stones at the corners of the City lands lying adjacent to Topolobampo Bay, to stake out the plazas and rocks which come to the Company by right of concession, to perfect details for the settlement of a colony on said lands and to survey, lay out and perfect title to the lands at "Vegaton." I further agree to make topographical maps of the Company's lands at Topolobampo, Mochis and Vegaton and to photograph, with first class finish, the characteristic features of the harbor, the River Fuerte and the intermediate Country that a proper illustration of our section of Sinaloa may be seen by those who wish to settle, to publish a weekly paper at Topolobampo giving all data of interest and of the progress made, and to charter a steamer to keep up communication either with Guaymas or San Francisco.

I further agree to place 700 shares of the Company's stock, at par, within two months after this contract is signed provided the money is spent as follows:— 30,000 for or the controlling interest in a steamer to make bi-monthly trips between San Francisco and Topolobampo Harbor; 25,000 to build a hotel in accordance with the plan submitted at the railroad terminus on the Straits of Joshua and 20,000 to settle the Company's debts in Boston, for office expenses at Washington and for the expenses of Hon. John H. Rice to go to Mexico City to perfect the Company's concessions, to obtain subsidies from the States of Chihuahua and Sinaloa and to perfect alliances with railroad organizations in Texas for

A. K. Owen
Aug. 30 - '84.

To
Hon. Wm. Windsor.

06 per cent on the cost.

in advance \$1,000 for the first year which will pay
section of railroad as soon as it is completed and pay
Eastern connections. I further agree to lease the said